

## ABSTRACT

The present invention discloses a method for the treatment of *Flaviviridae* infection that includes the administration of a 2'-branched nucleoside, or a pharmaceutically acceptable prodrug and/or salt thereof, to a human in need of therapy in combination or alternation with a drug that directly or indirectly induces a mutation in the viral genome at a location other than a mutation of a nucleotide that results in a change from serine to a different amino acid in the highly conserved consensus sequence, XXRXSGXXXT, of domain B of the RNA polymerase region, or is associated with such a mutation. The invention also includes a method to detect a mutant strain of *Flaviviridae* and a method for its treatment.